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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF ACWORTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the year ending December 31, 2015

Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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Regular Meetings and Events

Selectmen	First, third and fifth Mondays, 7:00PM
Town Clerk	Tues. 5:30PM-8:00PM Sat. 8:00AM-Noon
Tax Collector	Mondays, 8:30AM-12:30PM
Planning Board	Third Tuesdays, 7:00PM
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesdays, 7:00PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment	First Wednesdays for new business, 7:00PM
Cemetery Trustees	Regular or Special meeting dates posted Contact Kristian Fenderson, Sexton
Library Trustees	As needed, Guy Russell, chair
Trustees of Trust Funds	Regular or Special meeting dates posted Contact Alston Barrett, Meeting Chair
Selectmen's office	Mon.-Fri., 8:30AM-12:30PM, 835-6879
Highway Garage	Answering machine 835-6866
Transfer Station	Wed. 11:00AM-6PM, Sat. 9:00AM-6 PM, 835-6602
Library	Tues. & Thurs. 11:30AM-5:30PM, Sat. & Sun. 11:30AM-4:30PM, 835- 2150
Emergency	911 Fire 352-1100 State Police Troop C 358-3333

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Town Officers and Committees

Board of Selectmen	Frank Emig - 2016
	Steven Holt - 2017
	David Goodwin - 2018
Town Clerk	Charlotte Comeau – 2016
Tax Collector	Marianne Nevelson - 2016
Treasurer	Melinda Loiselle - 2016
Administrative Assistant	Kathi Bradt
Local Auditor	Lisa DeValk - 2016
Moderator	John Luther - 2016
Election Inspectors	Ella Brown (D)
	Gordon Gowen (R)
Supervisors of the	Elizabeth Gowen - 2021
Checklist	Rose Knight - 2016
	Marianne Nevelson - 2017
Overseer of Public Welfare	Board of Selectmen
Health Officer	Toni Bowman
Trustees of Trust Funds	Alston Barrett - 2016
	Tim Perry - 2017
	Paul Auger - 2018
Library Trustees	Melinda Loiselle – 2016
	Guy Russell - 2017
	Kathi Bradt - 2017
	Jennifer Aiken - 2018
	Betsey Snider - 2018
Cemetery Trustees	Helen Frink - 2016
	Lillie LeBlanc - 2017
	Claudia Istel - 2018
Budget Committee	Linda Christie - 2016
	Bruce Bascom - 2016
	Susan Metsack - 2017
	Judy Aron - 2017
	Jim Jennison - 2018
	Conan Cook - 2018
	Steven Holt, Selectman

Planning Board	Cheryl Sanctuary - 2016
	Jim Niedert - 2016
	Wes Cubberly - 2017
	Mike Aron - 2017
	Rob Vogel - 2018
	Henry Sipple - 2018
	Frank Emig, Selectman
Alternates	Vacant
Conservation Commission	Debby Hinman - 2016
	Lillie Leblanc - 2018
	Helen Frink - 2018
	Shawn Bowman - 2018
	David Goodwin, Selectman
Alternates	Carole Wallace
	Beverly Buxton
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Brian St. Pierre - 2016
	John Balla - 2016
	Lisa Earl - 2018
	Shawn Bowman – 2018
	Henry Sipple - 2018
Alternates	Bill Willette
Energy Committee	Not currently active
Recreation Committee	Board of Selectmen
FMRSD Board	Linda Christie
Town Forester	Peter Rhoades
Tree Warden	G. Kristian Fenderson

WARRANT FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH
MARCH 8, 2016

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, NH in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:
You are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at 10:00 of the clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for voting on Articles 1 and 2 by use of the official ballot, and shall close not earlier than 9:00 of the clock in the evening; AND you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on Articles 3 through 14 shall commence at 7:30 of the clock in the evening on the same day, March 8 next at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectmen: 1 for 3 Year Term
Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year Term
Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year Term
Moderator: 1 for 2 Year Term
Local Auditor: 1 for 1 Year Term
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Year Term
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 Year Terms
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 Year Term
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Year Terms
Planning Board: 2 for 3 Year Terms
Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 for 6 Years

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendment to the Acworth Zoning Ordinance concerning the use of storage containers by property owners. Copies of the amendment is available at the Town office and will be available to day of voting. The question will appear on the Official Ballot:
"Are you in favor of amending the existing Town of Acworth Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The amendment provides long and short term storage capacity to property owners and adds a clarifying definition."

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,178,601 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $150,000 for the replacement of the Forest Road bridge with $50,000 to be withdrawn from the Bridge Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund established in 2014 for that purpose, $50,000 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, and the remaining $50,000 from taxation. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $49,250 for the revaluation of the Town and authorize the withdrawal of $32,000 from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010 for that purpose. The balance of $17,250 is to come from taxation. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000 for the purpose of adding to operating budget Account 4312, Highway Maintenance, for the purpose of engaging an outside contractor to repair potholes in the Town's paved roads. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $39,000 for the purpose of chip sealing the Charlestown Road. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to pay for storage of the Town Hearse in the Horse shed owned by the United Church. This appropriation is the total amount of a ten-year lease of space at $500 per year and is payable in full on completion of the Horse shed restoration. This article is to be nonlapsing for up to 2 years. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $100,000 to be deposited in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2014 for the purpose of replacing the Allen Road Bridge with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No additional taxation to be required. Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to return to having a part time police department. *Submitted by petition.*

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Acworth this 19th day of February, 2016. A True Copy of Warrant Attest: Board of Selectmen:
Steven Holt Frank Emig David Goodwin

Appropriations

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4130-4139	Executive	05	$26,250	$25,942	$27,750	$0	$27,750	$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	05	$3,400	$1,772	$5,350	$0	$5,350	$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	05	$73,505	$70,117	$70,838	$100	$70,738	$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	05	$11,600	$9,796	$11,150	$0	$11,150	$0
4153	Legal Expense	05	$15,000	$12,112	$15,000	$0	$15,000	$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	05	$18,988	$18,331	$19,897	$0	$19,897	$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	05	$2,900	$2,225	$2,900	$300	$2,600	$0
4194	General Government Buildings	05	$16,700	$17,807	$15,200	$0	$15,200	$0
4195	Cemeteries	05	$19,005	$18,310	$18,355	$0	$18,355	$0
4196	Insurance	05	$21,427	$16,310	$25,864	$8,369	$17,495	$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	05	$1,174	$1,174	$1,186	$0	$1,186	$0
4199	Other General Government		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	05	$5,000	$3,465	$4,500	$0	$4,500	$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	05	$9,600	$9,600	$9,600	$0	$9,600	$0
4220-4229	Fire	05	$41,531	$41,531	$39,577	$0	$39,577	$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	05	$3,700	$4,220	$4,100	$0	$4,100	$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4312	Highways and Streets	05	$343,133	$288,874	$345,628	$3,500	$342,128	$0
4313	Bridges	05	$1,000	$32,200	$3,700	$1,000	$2,700	$0
4316	Street Lighting	05	$3,000	$3,257	$3,000	$0	$3,000	$0
4319	Other	05	$100,900	$103,441	$102,850	$1,500	$101,350	$0
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

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4323	Solid Waste Collection		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	05	$61,370	$55,251	$58,250	$0	$58,250	$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	05	$3,300	$2,002	$5,800	$0	$5,800	$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4332	Water Services		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4353	Purchase Costs		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Health								
4411	Administration		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4414	Pest Control	05	$900	$437	$900	$0	$900	$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	05	$6,250	$6,250	$6,854	$0	$6,854	$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	05	$6,000	$0	$6,000	$2,000	$4,000	$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	05	$2,120	$1,581	$1,950	$100	$1,850	$0
4550-4559	Library	05	$38,515	$38,515	$39,115	$0	$39,115	$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	05	$200	$200	$200	$0	$200	$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	05	$400	$0	$10,200	$0	$10,200	$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	05	$700	$952	$700	$0	$700	$0
4619	Other Conservation	05	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000	$0	$2,000	$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	05	$1,000	$0	$1,000	$0	$1,000	$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	05	$110,228	$92,274	$58,556	$0	$58,556	$0
4903	Buildings		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	05	$283,500	$245,385	$276,500	$1,000	$275,500	$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	05	$1,125	$1,525	$2,000	$0	$2,000	$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4919	To Agency Funds		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			**$1,235,421**	**$1,126,856**	**$1,196,470**	**$17,869**	**$1,178,601**	**$0**

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	08	$0	$0	$49,250	$0	$49,250	$0
	Purpose: Approve Reval and CRF withdrawal							
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	06	$0	$0	$150,000	$0	$150,000	$0
	Purpose: To fund the Forest Road Bridge replacement							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	$0	$93,000	$15,000	$0	$15,000	$0
	Purpose: Fund Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12	$0	$0	$100,000	$0	$100,000	$0
	Purpose: Fund the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund							
Special Articles Recommended			**$0**	**$93,000**	**$314,250**	**$0**	**$314,250**	**$0**

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4195	Cemeteries	11	$0	$0	$5,000	$0	$5,000	$0
	Purpose: To fund a lease for the Town hearse							
4312	Highways and Streets	09	$0	$0	$20,000	$0	$20,000	$0
	Purpose: To add to Highway Maintenance for pothole repair							
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	10	$0	$0	$39,000	$0	$39,000	$0
	Purpose: To fund chip sealing Charlestown Road							
Individual Articles Recommended			**$0**	**$0**	**$64,000**	**$0**	**$64,000**	**$0**

Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	05	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
3180	Resident Tax		$0	$0	$0
3185	Yield Tax	05	$15,593	$15,000	$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		$0	$0	$0
3187	Excavation Tax	05	$43	$40	$40
3189	Other Taxes		$0	$0	$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	05	$29,483	$29,000	$29,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		$0	$0	$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		$0	$0	$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	05	$162,751	$146,400	$146,400
3230	Building Permits	05	$510	$500	$500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	05	$6,782	$2,870	$2,870
3311-3319	From Federal Government		$11,025	$0	$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		$0	$0	$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	05	$43,280	$40,000	$40,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	05	$139,034	$141,364	$141,364
3354	Water Pollution Grant		$0	$0	$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		$0	$0	$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	05	$107	$100	$100
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		$0	$0	$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		$300	$0	$0
3379	From Other Governments		$0	$0	$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	05	$5,406	$5,000	$5,000
3409	Other Charges		$0	$0	$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	05	$19,622	$1,000	$1,000
3502	Interest on Investments	05	$776	$600	$600
3503-3509	Other	05	$4,864	$2,400	$2,400

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		$0	$0	$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		$0	$0	$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		$0	$0	$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		$0	$0	$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		$0	$0	$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		$0	$0	$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		$0	$0	$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	08, 06	$59,039	$82,000	$82,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		$0	$0	$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		$0	$0	$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		$0	$0	$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	06, 12	$0	$150,000	$150,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		$0	$0	$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			**$501,615**	**$619,274**	**$619,274**

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	$1,105,467	$1,196,470	$1,178,601
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	$173,000	$314,250	$314,250
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	$48,000	$64,000	$64,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	$1,326,467	$1,574,720	$1,556,851
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	$475,924	$619,274	$619,274
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	$850,543	$955,446	$937,577

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF ACWORTH
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 10th, 2015
Elections – 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Absentee ballots opened at 4:30 p.m.
Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectmen – One person for three-year term
David Goodwin **108**

Selectmen – One person for one-year term
Frank C. Emig **135**

Tax Collector - One person for one-year term
Marianne Wierenga-Nevelson **157**

Treasurer - One person for one-year term
Melinda Loiselle **156**

Local Auditor 1 for one-year term
Lisa DeValk **147**

Trustee of Trust Funds – One Person for three-year term
Paul Auger **152**

Cemetery Trustee – One Person for three-year term
Claudia Istel **152**

Cemetery Trustee – One Person for two-year term
Lillie LeBlanc **152**

Library Trustee – Two persons for three-year term
Joanne Smith **144**
Jennifer M. Aiken **144**

Planning Board – Two Persons for three-year term
Rob Vogel **141**
Henry Sipple **121**

Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term
James Jennison **120**
Conan Cook (write-in) **29**

Supervisor of the Checklist – One person for six-year term
Elizabeth Gowen (write-in) **32**

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Acworth Zoning Ordinance concerning the replacement of provision for two family dwellings by provision for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as proposed by the Planning Board. Copies of the Ordinance showing changes are available at the Town office and will be available the day of voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot: "Are you in favor of amending the existing Town of Acworth Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The amendments replace two family dwellings with accessory dwelling units and add clarifying definitions." The amendments apply to new construction.

Results of ballots cast:

YES 109 NO 54

ARTICLE TWO PASSED

At 6:50 p.m., Moderator John Luther announced for voters to go to the Supervisors of the checklist to obtain secret ballots for the upcoming meeting.

Moderator John Luther called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 at the Acworth Town Hall. John announced again for any voter that did not have their secret ballots to obtain them at this time from the Supervisors of the checklist. John announced that the polls would be open after the meeting for those who still had not voted. He then asked all to stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.

Before proceeding to article three, John asked Michael Aron to come forward. Michael announced that he is planning on having a workshop on Parliamentary procedures on Tuesday April 7th at 6:00 p.m. This will teach the basics of Robert's Rules of Order which can help make meetings more organized, effective and efficient. This event is free and open to the public. He asked for a show of hands of who would be interested in attending. A number of people raised their hands.

John went over a few rules of how the meeting would be conducted. His expectations were that people would be respectful to one another.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

Article three moved by James Brown. Seconded by Judy Aron.
With no discussion, article three was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE THREE PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article four moved by Marianne Nevelson. Seconded by Ken Grant. With no discussion article four was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE FOUR PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of 5.48 acres of land (Map 226, Lot 8.1) that borders the Cold River and the Acworth Wetlands. This gift must be added to the Acworth Wetlands and a conservation easement placed on it through a conservation organization such as the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Submitted by the Conservation Commission.

Article five moved by Henry Sipple. Seconded by Olga Bassinne. With no discussion article four was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE FIVE PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to sell .06 acre of land (Map 201, Lot 60) on Crescent Lake Road and to authorize the Selectmen to proceed with the sale. Under the Zoning Ordinance this is not a buildable lot nor could its addition to either abutting lot create conditions which meet the requirements for subdivision. These land use limitations shall be specified as a condition of any conveyance. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen following review by the Conservation Commission.

Article six moved by Jim Neidert. Seconded by Teresa Berntsen. After some discussion, article six was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE SIX PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,105,467 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article seven moved by Susan Metsack. Seconded by Jim Brown. With no discussion, article seven was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE SEVEN PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

established in 2010. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article eight moved by Chris Noonan. Seconded by Jim Brown. With no discussion, article eight was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE EIGHT PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $35,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article nine moved by Claude Bassinne. Seconded by Henry Sipple. After some discussion, article nine was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE NINE PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 to be added to the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund established in 2014. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article ten moved by Ken Cubberley. Seconded by Jim Brown. After some discussion, article ten was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE TEN PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $33,000 for the purpose of adding to operating budget Account 4909, Improvements Other Than Buildings, for the purpose of chip sealing Section 3 of Cold Pond Road. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article eleven moved by Henry Sipple. Seconded by Jim Brown. After some discussion, article eleven was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE ELEVEN PASSED

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 for the purpose of adding to operating budget Account 4312, Highway Maintenance, for the purpose of engaging an outside contractor to repair potholes in the Town's paved roads. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article twelve moved by Henry Sipple. Seconded by Shawn Bowman. After much discussion, article twelve was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE TWELVE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of $195,258 payable over a term of 4 years for the purchase of a highway truck and to authorize the withdrawal of $80,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose for the first year's payments for that purpose. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. 2/3 Ballot vote required.

Article thirteen moved by Jim Brown. Seconded by Ken Grant.
After some discussion, article thirteen was moved to vote by secret ballot.
Moderator announced to vote by secret ballot and to use letter "A".
Meeting recessed briefly to count ballots.

Results of ballots cast:

YES	**59**	**NO**	**27**	**UNDECIDED**	**2**

67%

ARTICLE THIRTEEN PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE

Jim Brown motioned that article one through thirteen not be brought up for reconsideration. Seconded by Ed Metsack.
With no discussion, motion moved to vote by voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,954.14 for the purpose of matching a State grant in the same amount made to the Acworth Fire and Rescue Company for the purpose of obtaining forest fire personal protective and fire suppression equipment. The Budget Committee and Selectmen have not recommended this article. Majority vote required.

Article fourteen moved by Dan Jones. Seconded by Teresa Berntsen.
After much discussion, Chris Noonan motioned to move the question. Seconded by William Hildreth.
Moving the question was passed by voice vote.
Article fourteen was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN PASSED

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

At this time, John noted that Steve Holt wanted to recognize someone. Steve Holt gave a heartfelt thanks to Rob DeValk for his time on the Select Board and asked everyone to give him a round of applause. Rob DeValk spoke that it was a pleasure and may be back another time and encouraged other citizens to get involved on the boards.

Bill Brodne reminder about Bowers Brook Bridge project public hearing on Thursday March 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Acworth Town Hall and encouraged people to attend.

Peter Toner talked about the bad road conditions and wants to set up a time to meet with the town's people about roads in Acworth.

Matt Connors spoke on the idea of putting together a committee in town on energy efficiency. Kathi Bradt did let him know that at one point there was an energy committee and there was some work done but is currently inactive. She said there still could be room for some improvement and Steve Holt advised Matt to come to a Select Board meeting to discuss further.

Carol Jerard asked about the possibility of having the town meeting on a different day from elections.

Henry Sipple motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ed Metsack.
Adjourning the business portion of the meeting went to voice vote. Passed unanimously.

Moderator announced at 8:50 p.m. that the business portion of meeting was adjourned and that anyone who wishes to vote may do so. There was no further voting, polls closed at 8:50 p.m.

Meeting was recessed at 9:00 p.m. to count ballots.

Counting of ballots completed at 9:55 p.m. The information was given to the Town Clerk to compile and complete necessary paperwork.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Charlotte Comeau
Acworth Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2015 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN PORTION			
Gross Appropriations	1,328,421		
Less: Revenues	(486,177)		
Less: Fund Balance Used	-		
Add: Overlay	15,022		
Add: War Service Credits	6,500		
Net Town Appropriation	863,766		
Special Adjustment	-		
Approved Town Tax Effort		863,766	
Town Rate per $1,000			**9.03**
SCHOOL PORTION			
Net Local School Budget	-		
Regional School Apportionment	1,664,275		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(412,077)		
Less: State Education Taxes	(232,408)		
Approved School Tax Effort		1,019,790	
Local School Rate per $1,000			**10.66**
STATE EDUCATION TAXES			
State Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	93,648,830		
State Education Rate per $1,000	2.48		
Approved State School Tax Effort		232,408	
State Education Rate per $1,000			**2.48**
based on local assessed valuation (no utilities) of $95,031,550			
COUNTY PORTION			
Due to County	291,237		
Less: Shared Revenues	-		
Approved County Tax Effort		291,237	
County Rate per $1,000			**3.04**
TOTAL COMBINED TAX RATE PER $1,000			**25.21**
Total Property Taxes Assessed		2,407,201	
Less: War Service Credits		(6,500)	
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT		2,400,701	

PROOF OF TAX RATE	**local assessed valuation**	**tax rate per 1,000**	**taxes assessed**
State Education Tax (no utilities)	93,648,830	2.48	232,249
All Other Taxes	95,686,378	22.73	2,174,951
		25.21	2,407,201

TOWN OF ACWORTH
MULTI-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON

	2015	2,014	2013	2012	after reval 2011	pre reval 2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Rate per $1,000										
Town tax	9.03	8.11	7.64	7.43	6.83	6.25	6.97	6.47	7.05	6.63
Local school tax	10.66	9.69	9.24	8.79	8.65	7.92	7.65	7.55	7.12	6.85
State school tax	2.48	2.66	2.44	2.58	2.51	2.15	2.15	2.38	2.15	2.00
County tax	3.04	3.19	3.30	2.86	3.20	2.92	2.72	2.65	2.82	2.11
	25.21	23.65	22.62	21.66	21.19	19.24	19.49	19.05	19.14	17.59
Taxes per $100,000 of assessed value										
Land/Building	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Town taxes	903.00	811.00	764.00	743.00	683.00	625.00	697.00	647.00	705.00	663.00
Local school tax	1,066.00	969.00	924.00	879.00	865.00	792.00	765.00	755.00	712.00	685.00
State school tax	248.00	266.00	244.00	258.00	251.00	215.00	215.00	238.00	215.00	200.00
County taxes	304.00	319.00	330.00	286.00	320.00	292.00	272.00	265.00	282.00	211.00
	2,521.00	2,365.00	2,262.00	2,166.00	2,119.00	1,924.00	1,949.00	1,905.00	1,914.00	1,759.00
Town valuation summary (per ms-1)										
Land only										
current use	$ 1,184,730	1,290,290	1,277,940	1,938,450	1,967,530	2,075,970	2,080,920	2,071,740	1,682,880	1,679,410
conserv restrct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
residential	34,659,200	34,867,500	35,270,300	35,369,800	35,446,000	34,832,200	35,176,400	35,292,400	35,524,100	35,293,400
commercial	874,700	874,700	874,700	906,300	906,300	995,100	962,700	364,700	364,700	364,700
subtotal	36,718,630	37,032,490	37,422,940	38,214,550	38,319,830	37,903,270	38,220,020	37,728,840	37,571,680	37,337,510
Building only										
residential	53,433,900	53,059,200	52,112,000	51,893,700	51,220,100	61,591,900	60,799,100	59,550,700	59,160,000	58,435,400
manufct housng	1,256,300	1,200,100	1,228,900	1,391,200	1,421,400	1,621,600	1,385,600	1,381,600	1,429,600	1,427,500
commercial	2,475,000	2,461,800	302,200	3,811,800	2,684,400	2,814,200	2,153,000	2,212,200	2,165,300	2,176,200
subtotal	57,165,200	56,741,100	56,363,100	57,096,700	55,325,900	66,027,700	64,337,700	63,144,500	62,754,900	62,039,100
Public utilities	2,037,548	1,762,541	1,546,900	1,472,574	1,342,032	1,422,200	1,248,606	1,194,995	1,375,500	1,415,000
valuation totals	95,921,378	95,536,131	95,332,940	96,783,824	94,987,762	105,353,170	103,806,326	102,068,335	101,702,080	100,791,610
Blind exempt	(15,000)	(15,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(15,000)
Elderly exempt	(220,000)	(220,000)	(195,000)	(249,700)	(244,700)	(249,100)	(249,100)	(234,100)	(314,100)	(319,100)
value for local taxes	95,686,378	95,301,131	95,107,940	96,504,124	94,713,062	105,074,070	103,527,226	101,804,235	101,357,980	100,457,510
less utilities	(2,037,548)	(1,762,541)	(1,546,900)	(1,472,574)	(1,342,032)	(1,422,200)	(1,248,606)	(1,194,995)	(1,375,500)	(1,415,000)
value for state ed tax	93,648,830	93,538,590	93,561,040	95,031,550	93,371,030	103,651,870	102,278,620	100,609,240	99,982,480	99,042,510
Change in town valuation										
Town valuation	95,921,378	95,536,131	95,332,940	96,783,824	94,987,762	105,353,170	103,806,326	102,068,335	101,702,080	100,791,610
Valuation change	385,247	203,191	(1,450,884)	1,796,062	(10,365,408)	1,546,844	1,737,991	366,255	910,470	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2015

	Jan - Dec 15
3100 Received from tax collector before adjustments	
Cash received (See tax collector report for breakdown of details)	$ 2,445,850.50
Prepaid taxes @ 1/1/15	3,795.00
Refunds applied (abatements)	3,726.51
	2,453,372.01
3200 Received from town clerk	
See town clerk report for breakdown of details	164,859.92
Bounced checks not replaced	(205.00)
	164,654.92
3319 From Federal sources	
3319.1 FEMA funds for road repairs	11,025.00
3350 From State sources	
3352 Meals and rooms distribution	43,280.06
3353 Highway block grant	139,033.61
3356 Forest land reimbursement	106.69
3359.2 Other State grants	300.00
	182,720.36
3400 Revenue from services	
3404 Transfer station fees	5,406.00
3500 Miscellaneous sources	
3501.1 Sale of municipal properties	19,622.00
3501.2 Cemetery lot sales	-
3501.3 Gove lot timber sales	-
3502.1 Interest income on deposits	776.11
3503.1 Rent of town property	365.00
3506.1 Welfare lien reimbursements	-
3506.2 Dividend NH Municipal Assoc.	1,857.18
3506.3 Insurance proceeds	-
3508.1 Miscellaneous gifts	-
3509.1 Income from departments	-
3509.21 Recycling proceeds-paper	-
3509.22 Recycling proceeds-metal	2,192.58
3509.24 Electronics	-
3509.25 Planet Aid	237.10
3509.26 Batteries	212.00
3230.2 Building permits	510.00
3292.1 Driveway permit fees	60.00
3292.2 Planning board fees	754.02
3292.3 Sale of histories and maps	370.00
3292.5 Miscellaneous fees	227.53
3292.7 Equipment purchase reimbursement	3,466.49
	30,650.01
3915 From special revenue funds	
3915.2 Transfer from capital reserves for equipment	59,039.21
3916 Trust and agency funds	
3916.1 Cemetery trust funds	-
3917 Transfers from Conservation funds	
3917.1 Transfers from forest maintenance funds	-
Voted from fund balance	-
Total cash receipts for 2015	**$ 2,906,867.51**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2015

	Jan - Dec 15
4130 Town officers' salaries	
Selectmen-Frank Emig	$ 2,000.00
Selectmen-David Goodwin	2,000.00
Selectmen-Steven Holt	2,000.00
Treasurer-Melinda Loiselle	2,499.90
Deputy treasurer-Greta Perry	1,000.00
Tax collector-Marianne Nevelson	6,999.98
Deputy tax collector-	692.28
Town clerk-Charlotte Comeau	7,999.94
Health officer-Toni Bowman	250.00
Deputy health officer	250.00
Local auditor	250.00
	25,942.10
4140 Elections and vital statistics	
Stipends-election officials	1,057.00
Checklists	-
Miscellaneous	214.47
Postage	-
Public notices	60.15
Training	-
Vital record fees	440.00
	1,771.62
4150 Town office expenses	
Wages-administrative assistant	47,256.63
Health insurance	4,982.77
Computer, software and support	3,118.99
Deed office recording fees	-
Dues to Associations	975.00
Miscellaneous	-
Office equipment	2,228.52
Office supplies	1,365.19
Outside consultants	-
Postage	588.12
Public notices	489.60
Services of forester	495.00
Telephone	1,404.58
Tax collector expenses	4,389.27
Town clerk expenses	2,060.86
Town reports	722.20
Trustees of Trust Funds expense	40.19
Workshops and training	-
	70,116.92
4152 Revaluation of property	
Property assessing	7,645.68
Mapping	2,150.00
Revaluation maintenance	-
	9,795.68
4153 Legal expenses	
Compliance	6,076.50
General Services	6,035.16
	12,111.66

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2015

	Jan - Dec 15
4155 Payroll tax expenses	
Payroll taxes-cleaning/shoveling	$ 182.88
Payroll taxes-dump attendant	957.25
Payroll taxes-election officials	80.86
Payroll taxes-forest fires	-
Payroll taxes-highway	11,211.96
Payroll taxes-planning board	118.78
Payroll taxes-road projects	-
Payroll taxes-town office	3,615.10
Payroll taxes-town officials	1,984.54
Payroll Tax expenses - Other	179.73
	18,331.10
4191 Planning and zoning	
Wages - planning board	1,552.50
Miscellaneous expenses	-
Public notices	181.41
Registry recording fees	311.38
Training	180.00
	2,225.29
4194 Town hall expenses	
Building compliance	1,279.72
Wages - cleaning and shoveling	1,806.38
Electricity	1,474.46
Fuel oil	4,453.26
Mowing	2,891.00
Repairs	5,702.25
Supplies	199.70
	17,806.77
4195 Cemeteries	
Corner stones	-
Hearse storage	-
Miscellaneous expenses	480.00
Mowing	1,750.00
Stone restoration	3,000.00
Routine custodial care	5,965.00
Survey work	4,835.00
Old cemetery	-
Tree work	2,280.00
	18,310.00
4196 Insurance	
Property and general liability	10,300.87
State unemployment insurance	3,780.00
Workmens compensation	2,228.79
	16,309.66
4197 Regional planning associations	1,174.34

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2015

	Jan - Dec 15
4210 Police	
Contract services	$ 65.00
Dispatch	3,400.00
	3,465.00
4215 Ambulance	9,600.00
4220 Fire & Rescue services	39,577.00
4290 Emergency management	
Fire pond maintenance	-
Wages-forest fires	-
Planning and mitigation	4,219.67
Miscellaneous	-
FEMA grant expense - road repairs	-
	4,219.67
4312 Highway maintenance	
Wages-highway	148,908.78
Health insurance	13,480.02
Crack sealing	11,100.00
Culverts	14,848.00
Emergency plowing	14,038.75
Equipment lease	-
Equipment rental	-
Mag chloride	4,010.34
Materials-gravel and crushing	5,728.81
Miscellaneous	25.00
Roadside mowing	7,100.00
Pot hole repair	5,380.68
Road grading	-
Road signs	1,015.43
Salt	22,861.87
Small maintenance projects	11,300.00
Tree work	5,000.00
Trucking	24,076.25
	288,873.93
4313 Bridge repairs	32,200.00
4316 Street lighting	3,256.59
4319 Highway - general expenses	
Building compliance	438.04
Building maintenance	1,295.54
Diesel fuel	18,800.77
Drug testing	210.00
Electricity	2,854.64
Emergency tow	2,873.10
Gas	1,442.85
Heating oil	6,611.22
Miscellaneous	4,843.25
New equipment	828.97
Radio communication	1,090.60
Repairs, parts	51,903.42
Safety	5,740.18
Supplies	2,908.34
Telephone	1,399.59
Training	200.00
	103,440.51

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2015

		Jan - Dec 15
4324 Solid waste		
Wages-dump attendent	$	12,513.69
Capital improvements		4,796.00
Comingle bin w/o glass		1,930.80
Compactor trucking/rental fees		20,001.84
Demolition disposal fees		6,637.50
Electricity		1,796.04
Electronics recycling		785.82
Equipment		-
Fluorescent disposal		293.57
Freon extraction		-
Glass/ceramic disposal		230.00
Hazardous waste disposal		334.00
Metal disposal fees		825.00
Miscellaneous supplies		308.50
Mixed paper disposal		3,144.45
Repair and maintenance		585.53
Safety		25.00
Telephone		456.01
Tire disposal		403.25
Training		184.16
		55,251.16
4325 Landfill closure		
Monitoring and maintenance		2,001.63
		2,001.63
4414 Animal control		
Dog tags		90.45
State fees		337.00
Vet and boarding		10.00
		437.45
4415 Health and other agencies		
Alstead Food Shelf		1,000.00
Big Brother Big Sister		250.00
Community Alliance of Human Services		500.00
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals		1,000.00
Home Healthcare Hospice & CS		1,000.00
Monadnock Family Services		800.00
Red Cross		400.00
S W Community Services		500.00
West Central Behavorial Health		800.00
		6,250.00
4445 Welfare		-
4520 Recreation		
Electricity		160.92
Mowing		1,370.00
Portable toilet		-
Program expense		50.00
		1,580.92

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2015

		Jan - Dec 15
4550 Library		
Wages-library	$	23,425.95
Payroll taxes-library		1,747.34
Mowing/lawn maintenance		1,285.00
Miscellaneous		25.00
Library appropriation paid		12,031.71
		38,515.00
4583 Memorial Day expenses		200.00
4589 Other culture and recreation		-
4611 Conservation commission		
CC association dues		242.00
Crescent Lake testing		210.38
Miscellaneous expenses		500.00
		952.38
4619 Conservation preservation		
Crescent Lake Milfoil Committee		2,000.00
4902 Machinery, vehicles & equipment		
Equipment lease - excavator		18,834.60
Equipment lease - roller		11,386.80
Equipment-compactor		-
		30,221.40
4909 Improvements other than bdlgs		
Gravel crushing		-
Wages-road projects		-
Charlestown Road, section B		-
Crane Brook Road		194,535.43
Derry Hill Road		-
Town pit development		820.00
Town properties		399.00
		195,754.43
4912 To special revenue funds		
Cemetery lot sales reimbursement		25.00
		25.00
4915 To capital reserve funds		
Capital reserve - bridges		50,000.00
Capital reserve - highway equipment		35,000.00
Capital reserve - revaluation		8,000.00
		93,000.00
Warrant Articles Voted		
Pothole contract		15,000.00
2015 Truck purchase		62,052.28
AVFR grant match		1,954.14
Chip seal Cold Pond Road		34,630.10
		113,636.52
Total appropriation disbursements for 2015	**$**	**1,218,353.73**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Non-appropriation Disbursements 2015

		Jan - Dec 15
4931 Sullivan County	$	291,237.00
4933 FM Regional School District		1,229,677.85
4199 Tax collector abatements and overpayments refunded		3,726.51
Tax collector liens on unpaid taxes		-
FMF - transfers to general fund		-
Unanticipated grant expenses		
LEOP update grant expense (offsetting grant received)		2,500.00
Total non-appropriation disbursements for 2014	**$**	**1,527,141.36**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of Conservation Commission accounts for 2015

Conservation commission savings account		
Beginning balance 1/1/15	$	13,219.00
Orchard school scholarship		(500.00)
Cons Comm portion of Land Use Change tax bills		1,500.00
Interest income		7.02
Ending balance 12/31/15	$	14,226.02
Cons. Comm. forest maintenance savings account		
Beginning balance 1/1/15	$	4,252.24
Timber sale proceeds		-
Timber bond reimbursement		-
Interest income		2.14
Transfer to general fund		-
Ending balance 12/31/15	$	4,254.38

Town of Acworth
Balance Sheets (General Fund, Comparative)
December 31, 2015 and 2014

	31-Dec 2015	31-Dec 2014
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Checking	$ (7,660.75)	$ (1,031.95)
Money market	780,119.53	695,088.93
Saviings - Conservation Commission	14,226.02	13,219.00
Savings - Forest Maintenance Fund	4,254.38	4,252.24
Petty cash	150.00	150.00
Savings - performance bonds	1,500.00	1,500.00
	792,589.18	713,178.22
Taxes receivable		
Taxes receivable - property tax	208,874.40	167,877.86
Taxes receivable - timber yield tax	137.54	786.14
Tax liens receivable - 2009 levy	-	4,464.21
Tax liens receivable - 2010 levy	-	7,801.80
Tax liens receivable - 2011 levy	8,232.96	8,456.42
Tax liens receivable - 2012 levy	9,174.70	20,478.06
Tax liens receivable - 2013 levy	31,357.96	41,057.39
Tax liens receivable - 2014 levy	56,628.53	
Allowance for abatements-property tax	42,862.00	31,099.00
	357,268.09	282,020.88
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 1,149,857.27	$ 995,199.10
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Social Security Medicare, withheld & accrued	$ 466.46	$ -
Prepaid property taxes	3,532.15	1,787.75
Prepaid yield taxes	914.00	8,919.00
School district payable	531,132.55	508,612.40
Fairpoint	42,862.00	31,099.00
Performance bond refundable	2,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	581,407.16	551,918.15
Fund equity		
Fund equity - unassigned	502,745.05	425,809.71
Fund equity - Conservation Comm.	14,226.02	13,219.00
Fund equity - Forest Maintenance	4,254.38	4,252.24
Potential Net Income	47,224.66	-
	568,450.11	443,280.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$ 1,149,857.27	$ 995,199.10

2015 Tax Collector's Report

The Board of Selectmen issued warrants for the collection of 2015 property taxes in the amount of $2,399,554.00. Tax Collector remitted to Town Treasurer $2,445,850.50 in tax payments, $3,795.00 in credit balances, and $3,726.51 from abatements for a total of $ 2,453,372.01. On 12/31/2015 the Town received $2,188,072.75 in payments for 2015 property taxes, which means 91% of 2015 taxes has been collected, 1% less than 2014.

In addition I received warrants for 2015 Yield Taxes in the amount of $23,743.36 and 2015 Gravel Taxes for $42.72. On 012/31/2015 the balance due was $137.54.

I have mailed the delinquency notice for the 2015 Taxes on February 2nd, 2016 to delinquent taxpayers alerting them to their delinquency and to notify them of the lien date for 2015 Taxes: August 1, 2016

All properties with uncollected 2015 taxes on August 1st, 2016 will receive a Lien regardless of the amount of taxes. Liens are an expensive proposition – 18% interest plus various fees. Please pay.

The unpaid Tax levy of 2013 is scheduled for tax deeding on October 31, 2016.

In 2015, 40 real estate liens for the levy of 2014 were executed. 3 Tax payers were scheduled for Tax Deeding, but waivers were issued by the Board of Selectmen for payment plans. Tax Deed waivers can be rescinded with a thirty day notice.

Payments are entered as received on the day of the postal cancellation. You do not have to wait for a Monday to see me personally. Payments can be dropped off at the Town Offices, but I prefer that you put your payments in the mail. If everything else fails you can call me to make an appointment for when it is convenient for you.

Thank you for the new computer and your cooperation and understanding.

Marianne W Nevelson
Tax Collector

Levy	Invoice Description	Ath	Issue	Beginning Balance	New Charges	Payments	Other Credits	Refunds	Ending Balance
2016	PROPERTY CREDIT MEMOS					-308.75			-308.75
2015	PROPERTY CREDIT MEMOS			-1,787.75		1,787.75			
2015	PROPERTY TAXES			-3,795.00	2,399,554.00	-2,189,551.75			206,207.25
	TAX ABATEMENTS						-865.00		-865.00
	INTEREST CHARGES				1,587.17	-1,587.17			
	OTHER CHARGES				25.00				25.00
2014	PROPERTY TAXES			167,877.86		-105,657.94			62,219.92
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-59,880.93			-59,880.93
	TAX ABATEMENTS						-2,338.99		-2,338.99
	INTEREST CHARGES				10,979.17	-10,979.17			
	OTHER CHARGES				72.00	-72.00			
2013	PROPERTY TAXES			369.88		522.52			892.40
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-369.88			-369.88
	TAX ABATEMENTS						-522.52		-522.52
	INTEREST CHARGES				44.26	-44.26			
2015	LAND USE CHANGE				3,000.00	-3,000.00			
2015	YIELD TAXES			-8,919.00	23,743.36	-14,686.82			137.54
2014	YIELD TAXES			786.14		-615.82			170.32
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-290.32			-290.32
	INTEREST CHARGES				90.54	-90.54			
	OTHER CHARGES				126.60	-6.60			120.00
2015	EXCAVATION TAXES				42.72	-42.72			
2014	TAX LIENS				67,452.56	-11,315.53			56,137.03
	INTEREST CHARGES				797.57	-797.57			
	OTHER CHARGES				596.00	-104.50			491.50
2013	TAX LIENS			40,623.39		-9,457.54			31,165.85
	INTEREST CHARGES			10.00	2,603.55	-2,641.45			-27.90
	OTHER CHARGES			424.00		-203.99			220.01
2012	TAX LIENS			20,159.76		-11,038.06			9,121.70
	INTEREST CHARGES			53.31	4,264.66	-4,317.97			
	OTHER CHARGES			264.99		-211.99			53.00
2011	TAX LIENS			8,430.42		-197.46			8,232.96
	INTEREST CHARGES				2,155.26	-2,155.26			
	OTHER CHARGES			26.00		-26.00			

Levy	Invoice Description	Ath	Issue	Beginning Balance	New Charges	Payments	Other Credits	Refunds	Ending Balance
2010 TAX LIENS				7,741.05		-7,769.80			-28.75
	INTEREST CHARGES				4,215.27	-4,215.27			
	OTHER CHARGES			60.75		-32.00			28.75
2009 TAX LIENS				4,419.21		-4,419.21			
2010 TAX LIENS				7,741.05		-7,769.80			-28.75
	INTEREST CHARGES				4,215.27	-4,215.27			
	OTHER CHARGES			60.75		-32.00			28.75
2009 TAX LIENS				4,419.21		-4,419.21			
	INTEREST CHARGES			45.00	700.00	-745.00			
2014 COSTS NOT LIENED					1,327.50				1,327.50
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-1,327.50			-1,327.50
	***** Grand Totals			236,790.01	2,523,377.19	-2,445,850.50	-3,726.51		310,590.19

2015 Town Clerk Report

I enjoy performing my responsibilities and serving as Acworth's Town Clerk and have done so since 2004. Implementing new programs for this office and improving procedures has given me great satisfaction and provides a more complete service for Acworth residents. My term is up in 2016 and I am happy to say that I plan to run again. I look forward to another three years, presuming I am re-elected!

I want to take the opportunity to list some of the services available at this office for those of you that may be new in town. I am responsible for registering and titling vehicles. I complete marriage license applications, process birth, marriage and death certificates, file wetland permit applications, pole licenses and dog licenses. I accept voter registration forms, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot and administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Official. Notary Public services are also available. There is more detailed information as well as various printable forms on the Town Clerk website at **www.acworthnhtownclerk.com.**

My office hours are Tuesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8:00 to noon unless posted otherwise. If I close the office during these hours, I will post this information ahead of time either in the Acworth Community Newsletter, at the Acworth post office, the Acworth Village Store and town hall office and on the Town Clerk website. I will always be closed on a Tuesday evening of an election.

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2016. The 2015 license will expire on April 30th. Beginning June 1st a $1.00 per month late fee is assessed.

As a reminder, there is the option of renewing your registration and/or dog license on the Internet. To do this, go to the Town Clerk website, scroll down and select the appropriate icon and follow the step-by-step instructions.



Please be sure to make out two checks for vehicle registration and print out the confirmation. Make out one check to The Town of Acworth and the other to The State of NH DMV. Mail the confirmation in with your checks and keep a copy for yourself until you receive your registration in the mail. You are able to renew your registrations up to four months in advance.

If you don't have a computer and would like to access the Internet for these services, you could go to the village store or library.

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather, if you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at 835-6879.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Comeau
Acworth Town Clerk

2015 TOWN CLERK REPORT
(Continued)

MOTOR VEHICLES	
Vehicle Registrations	155,948.07
Clerk Fees	2,228.00
Title Fees	446.00
Title Transfer Fees	430.00
Municipal Agent Fee	3,672.50
E-Convenience Fee	180.00
E-Log Fee	51.85
Returned Check Fees	75.00
	163,031.42
DOGS	
Licenses Issued: **201**	
Town Fees	837.00
State Fees	398.50
Late Fees	98.00
	1,333.50
MARRIAGES	
Licenses Issued: **7**	
Town Fees	49.00
State Fees	276.00
	325.00
FILING FEES	
Vital Record Copies	
Town Fees	70.00
State Fees	80.00
Pole License	20.00
	170.00
REMITTED TO TREASURER	**164,859.92**

2015 Schedule of Town Real Properties and Values

Town Hall and Land 229-1	$151,600	
Flagpole Lot 229-2	18,600	
Town Common 229-3	27,000	
Library and Land 229-32	116,400	
Hill/Lynn triangle 229-49	8,200	
Town Garage and Transfer Station 253-11	151,400	$473,200
Land Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:		
Euras, Inc. 201-1	24,600	
Euras, Inc. 201-5	8,700	
Euras, Inc. 201-6	261,600	
Paul Assoc. 201-8	224,000	
Crescent Lake 201-36	26,500	
Hurd 201-107 and 108	512,300	
Murzda 206-1	30,600	
Farrell 206-8	37,300	
Owner unknown 207-6	36,000	
Zacharie 207-14	13,100	
Owner unknown 210-20.1	2,800	
Augustinowicz 210-27	36,000	
Howard Estate 210-39	32,400	
Gove/Fournier (Town Forest) 211-1,201-135	880,800	
Owner unknown 222-21	8,500	
Farnsworth (Ball field) 222-4	55,400	
Buss Lot 226-1	8,500	
Champney 226-6	31,900	
Onofrio 229-30	34,200	
Paige Wilson 229-36	34,600	
Ball 230-3	11,900	
Callum 234-18	28,700	
Owner unknown 234-19	44,100	
Roberts 236-10	38,500	
Jennison 240-9	82,900	
Moto 241-18	20,400	
Prouty 250-2	6,900	$2,533,200
Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase:		
Desbiens 201-109 annexed to 211-1	125,000	
Pierce Brook 209-7	48,600	
Ward 218-4	22,300	
Peirera/Diggert (Town Wetlands) 225-6,226-9	92,100	
Conservation Associates 225-7	62,900	
Stebbins Road 229-58	11,100	
Five Points School House 231-8	8,900	
Nye Road Cemetery 234-8	25,500	
Lubetkin/Cemetery 234-13	31,200	
Hill Road Cemetery 234-24	43,000	
Mill Pond Acre/Mica Shed 246-17	31,500	
Prince 246-57	2,300	$504,400
Total		**$3,510,800**

2015 Selectmen's Report

A matter of significance to many in Acworth came near the end of the year when the State Department of Transportation ordered the Forest Road Bridge closed. The bridge leads to Beryl Mountain Road which is widely traveled by our own Highway Department and R. L. Balla Lumber, a longstanding Acworth business. The bridge closing dominated the Selectmen's agenda in November and December and weighed heavily on budget planning for 2016.

We are fortunate that the Town has prepared for bridge repairs by depositing money in a capital reserve fund and that Selectmen were able to under expend the 2015 budget in an amount which can be applied to the 2016 bridge reopening. The use of capital reserve and 2015 money for the bridge will allow work to continue on Crane Brook Road where the Town is approximately one third through that road's rehabilitation. A comprehensive plan for Crane Brook Road projects its completion in 2018. The project began in 2014.

The Select Board began the year with a new member as Frank Emig was appointed and later voted to fill the term left by Craig Oshkello who moved from Acworth. In March Dave Goodwin was voted to follow Rob DeValk whose term was completed. The new Board worked through personnel changes in the Highway Department with the help of a Hiring Committee of Townspeople. Ed Babneau moved in to the Highway Supervisor position and John Lyman and Ernest Porter were hired as full time crew members. The crew took delivery of a new truck voted in March and has been able to break it in slowly with mild fall and early winter weather.

During the year Selectmen met with the State Department of Revenue and assessors to choose a proposal for the updating of the Town's property values. State law requires towns to revalue every five years. Our last revaluation took place in 2011. Field workers from Municipal Resources, a New Hampshire assessing company, will visit each property. Owners will receive a mailed notice of their updated value later in the year and have opportunities to meet with assessors as needed.

In other areas, the Board attended several court hearings regarding the unlicensed junkyard on Connecticut Heights Road. As of this writing the court has ordered the cleanup of affected properties by July, 2016. An update of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan was completed with grant funding from the State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The update required successive meetings by our emergency, highway and Town office personnel. A number of weatherization improvements were made to the Town Hall. The Hall continues to be a resource for recreation groups, public and private functions and a gymnasium for Acworth Primary School students during inclement weather.

Going forward our greatest challenge continues to be the maintenance of our infrastructure and our greatest resource is our people. Selectmen meet the first, third and fifth Mondays of each month. Our meetings are open to the public.
Acworth Board of Selectmen, Frank Emig, David Goodwin, Steven Holt

2015 Highway Department Report

The Highway Department underwent a series of changes in 2015. During the spring Supervisor Dave Lacasse and driver/operator Jeremy Rowe left the Department. We were fortunate that driver/operator Ed Babneau was able to move into the Supervisor position while the Selectmen began a search for replacement personnel. A Hiring Committee of Townspeople assisted the Board in interviewing and Ed was officially hired as Supervisor in August. Ed brings 40 years of experience in the road maintenance and construction industry along with a network of associations gained over that time.

Later in the fall John Lyman and Ernest Porter were hired as driver/operators giving the Town a full crew going into the winter maintenance season. John grew up in Acworth and worked in the Department with Don Porter. Ernest comes with years of experience in both town and commercial road maintenance and construction.

The time spent on securing personnel set back anticipated work on the reconstruction of Crane Brook Road. After a bid process, St. Pierre continued the work begun in 2014. During the summer and fall Glenn Elsesser of Elsesser Blueberry Farm began attending Selectmen's meetings and working with the Board and Ed on planning the remaining work needed on Crane Brook Road. With that help we now have a plan to carry us through completion of the project. The plan anticipates finishing in 2018 and a multiyear total cost of approximately one million dollars. From there the Capital Improvement Plan shows Beryl Mountain Road to be the Town's next long term reconstruction. The Allen Road Bridge replacement is likely to need to be inserted in the near future as well.

The Department took delivery of the new dump truck voted at the 2015 Town Meeting. At this time last year it was expected the new truck would replace the International but it was the Mack which developed insurmountable problems. After a bidding process the Old Mack went to a new home and the International, purchased in 2005, received a going over. It continues to be a basically good but temper mental vehicle. Our aging grader is tender but starts each time we turn the key. The grader is the next piece of equipment listed on the Capital Improvement Plan for replacement.

With Crane Brook in progress and our regular gravel road maintenance the Town has gone through the gravel crushed in 2014. The 2016 budget includes a request for an increase to our traditional crushing quantity. This will be necessary to meet the needs of this year's work.

Most of you know the Department will also be overseeing the replacement of the Forest Road Bridge this spring. We were fortunate to secure the services of Eckman Engineering who are in the process of designing and permitting the new bridge and will work with us to bid the actual contract.

The Garage phone hasn't changed, 835-6866. The messages are checked regularly and requests are addressed as soon as possible. Ed and the crew appreciate your support.
Board of Selectmen for Acworth Highway

2015 Solid Waste Report

Waste disposed		Shipments	Tons	Cost	Income
	MSW	22	217.59	$20,002.00	
	C&D	9	70.5	$6,637.00	
	Glass	2		$230.00	
	Hazardous	Keene		$334.00	
	Tires	1		$403.00	
Waste recycled					
	Comingle***	9	14.58	$1,930.00	
	Bulbs	1		$294.00	
	Electronics	1	2.12	$786.00	
	Metal	5		$825.00	$2,193.00
	Paper**	15	67.15	$3,144.00	
Fees charged					$5,406.00

Measurable tonnage shipped for disposal

Municipal Solid Waste (Household Refuse)	217.59 tons
Construction and Demolition Debris and Bulky Waste	70.50 tons
Total	288.09 tons
Measurable recyclables shipped for processing *	83.85 tons
Grand Total: Waste and Recyclables	369.82 tons
Recycling as a percentage of measurable tonnage****	22%

* This does not include propane tanks and other incidental recyclables.
** Paper includes newsprint, cardboard, magazines, and all other clean paper fiber.
*** Co-mingled includes clean aluminum, plastic or tin beverage and food containers.
**** The Town's disposal and recycling tonnage remain fairly consistent over time.

Board of Selectmen office

2015 Trustees of Trust Funds Report

The Trustees held five public meetings during 2015, to fulfill our duties as fiduciaries and administrators for 123 separate accounts. We reviewed and accepted 3 capital reserve checks totaling $97,935.25 and one check of $2,500.00 all for deposit under the item New Funds Created.

We also reviewed 3 voucher requests for payments totaling $79,039.21, that were withdrawn from capital reserve funds, and one voucher from a unique cemetery trust account from which principal may be withdrawn, as requested by the cemetery trustees.

Capital Reserve Funds are public funds created by selectmen, using the town warrant, and the affirmative votes of the town meeting. It follows that by statute only the town meeting and no other body may change the purpose of these funds. At this time the trustees manage 6 public funds financed by public real estate taxes.

Private Funds are created by a private donor. The donation of funds may be made while the donor is alive or via a will with specific instructions. Once accepted by the town, and held by the trustees of trust funds, no changes of purpose may be made by the town or trustees. At this time the trustees manage 117 private funds.

As is the case with private investors, the trustees of trust funds, are equally frustrated by the market's lack of good returns in recent decades on our deposits. Unlike private investors, the trustees have fewer options available, and we are bound by both statutes and oath of office to fore most protect the principal of the funds entrusted to our care. We greatly appreciate your understanding and patience.

Respectfully submitted,
Alston W. Barrett, Tim Perry and Paul Auger,
Trustees of Trust Funds

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH ON DECEMBER 31, 2015

				PRINCIPAL					INCOME				
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	With-drawals	Balance Year End	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Balance Year End	Grand Total
n/a	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	80,605.25	39,935.25	0.00	59,039.21	61,501.29	4,766.48	69.40	0.00	4,835.88	66,337.17
n/a	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	8,194.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,194.57	2,173.70	10.67	0.00	2,184.37	10,378.94
n/a	C P Road Paving	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,058.60	1.07	0.00	1,059.67	1,059.67
n/a	Ac. Elementary School CRF	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	56,799.42	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	36,799.42	40.47	50.66	0.00	91.13	36,890.55
n/a	2010 Reval CRE	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	24,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	32,000.00	15.73	25.04	0.00	40.77	32,040.77
n/a	Bridge Repair or Replacement	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	20,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	70,000.00	0.16	22.84	0.00	23.00	70,023.00
1913	Edward C Ball	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	322.79	0.91	0.00	323.70	862.45
1913	Julia A Buswell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	96.80	1.20	0.00	98.00	1,175.50
1916	Mary L Bowers	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	950.28	2.66	0.00	952.94	2,569.19
1922	TW Place	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	88.67	0.38	0.00	89.05	358.43
1922	George W Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	573.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.02	369.71	0.99	0.00	370.70	943.72
1924	William Warner	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	203.21	0.76	0.00	203.97	742.72
1925	Horace G Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	65.98	0.34	0.00	66.32	335.70
1925	Henry A. Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.28	1.82	0.00	692.10	1,769.60
1925	Laura L McKeen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	314.11	0.91	0.00	315.02	853.77
1925	Abram Mitchell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,023.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,023.63	645.87	1.70	0.00	647.57	1,671.20
1929	Charles K Wood	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	292.80	0.88	0.00	293.68	832.43
1930	Cynthia Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.14	0.91	0.00	332.05	870.80
1930	Charles Elliot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	66.41	0.34	0.00	66.75	336.13
1930	Hyram Hayward	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	216.19	0.80	0.00	216.99	755.74
1931	Ada L Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.27	1.82	0.00	692.09	1,769.59
1931	White-Ryder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	511.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	511.81	323.02	0.88	0.00	323.90	835.71
1932	Oarett Eaton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	134.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.69	96.77	0.25	0.00	97.02	231.71
1933	Samual A. Nye	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	177.81	0.75	0.00	178.56	717.31
1934	Ashton A Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.09	0.91	0.00	332.00	870.75
1937	George W. Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.09	0.91	0.00	332.00	870.75
1937	Frank McNaughton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.09	0.91	0.00	332.00	870.75
1937	Walter Slader	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	1,049.54	2.74	0.00	1,052.28	2,668.53
1938	George W. Call	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.12	0.91	0.00	332.03	870.78
1939	Alger E Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.12	0.91	0.00	332.03	870.78
1940	Charles M Thornton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.12	0.91	0.00	332.03	870.78
1941	Gertrude C Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	587.83	1.70	0.00	589.53	1,667.03
1941	Weston Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.12	0.91	0.00	332.03	870.78
1941	Olin R Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	165.33	0.46	0.00	165.79	435.17
1942	James Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.14	0.91	0.00	332.05	870.80
1942	H W Allen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.14	0.91	0.00	332.05	870.80
1943	Ella Prentiss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	107.36	0.66	0.00	108.02	646.77
1944	Almon E Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	700.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.38	435.80	1.15	0.00	436.95	1,137.33
1944	Francis Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	377.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	377.13	254.33	0.66	0.00	254.99	632.12
1945	Edwin S Chatterton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	1,049.60	2.74	0.00	1,052.34	2,668.59
1946	Horace Rugg	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.15	0.91	0.00	332.06	870.81
1946	Erving Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	524.89	1.35	0.00	526.24	1,334.37
1946	Carl Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	177.23	0.75	0.00	177.98	716.73
1946	W A Barney	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.16	0.91	0.00	332.07	870.82
1947	Fred Batchelder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	279.94	0.83	0.00	280.77	819.52

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1947	The Bass Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	587.88	1.70	0.00	589.58	1,667.08
1951	Grace Muzzy	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.15	0.91	0.00	332.06	870.81
1951	Horace Dexter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	287.23	0.88	0.00	288.11	826.86
1952	Barent C Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	34.89	0.58	0.00	35.47	574.22
1952	George W Potter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.14	0.91	0.00	332.05	870.80
1954	Roscoe Hull	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.31	1.82	0.00	692.13	1,769.63
1955	Clara Johnson	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.32	1.82	0.00	692.14	1,769.64
1957	C M Emerson	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.13	0.91	0.00	332.04	870.79
1957	Frank & J. Metcalf	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	88.80	0.66	0.00	89.46	628.21
1957	N, G, & J Webster	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.11	0.91	0.00	332.02	870.77
1958	Freeman Campbell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	107.33	0.66	0.00	107.99	646.74
1958	John Symonds	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	228.58	0.80	0.00	229.38	768.13
1958	Elmer E Wheeler	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	524.83	1.35	0.00	526.18	1,334.31
1958	Arthur Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.32	1.82	0.00	692.14	1,769.64
1959	Lufkin-Robbins	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.13	0.91	0.00	332.04	870.79
1959	Clarance Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.13	0.91	0.00	332.04	870.79
1959	Reed-Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	230.49	1.35	0.00	231.84	1,309.34
1960	Hobart-Jones	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.28	1.82	0.00	692.10	1,769.60
1960	B K Barlow	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	279.89	0.83	0.00	280.72	819.47
1961	Solon L Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	294.93	1.15	0.00	296.08	1,104.21
1961	Solon Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	524.85	1.35	0.00	526.20	1,334.33
1961	Arthur Potter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.12	0.91	0.00	332.03	870.78
1961	Raymond C Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.27	1.82	0.00	692.09	1,769.59
1962	Hayward, Liv. & Hol.	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	2,693.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,693.76	1,740.03	4.57	0.00	1,744.60	4,438.36
1962	D Moody &W Huntley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.32	1.82	0.00	692.14	1,769.64
1962	Charles Barlow	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.32	1.82	0.00	692.14	1,769.64
1962	Meader-Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	524.86	1.35	0.00	526.21	1,334.34
1964	Charles & B Perry	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	623.19	1.75	0.00	624.94	1,702.44
1965	Wm. & Belle Pitkin	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	524.82	1.35	0.00	526.17	1,334.30
1965	Herbert F Hartwell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	673.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	673.44	456.38	1.15	0.00	457.53	1,130.97
1967	George W Walker	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	591.11	1.70	0.00	592.81	1,670.31
1968	H Reed & L Young	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	639.01	1.75	0.00	640.76	1,718.26
1968	Wm & Rufus Hillard	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	3,232.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,232.56	2,071.02	5.44	0.00	2,076.46	5,309.02
1969	Eva & Carl Grant	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.28	1.82	0.00	692.10	1,769.60
1969	Paul Balla	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.12	0.91	0.00	332.03	870.78
1969	Dorothy N Faught	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.27	1.82	0.00	692.09	1,769.59
1971	Harry D. Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	690.27	1.82	0.00	692.09	1,769.59
1972	Myrle E Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.13	0.91	0.00	332.04	870.79
1977	Albin Dressell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	888.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	888.94	605.61	1.51	0.00	607.12	1,496.06
1979	Everett Knight	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	696.80	1.83	0.00	698.63	1,776.13
1979	Earl Luther Sr.	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	696.67	1.83	0.00	698.50	1,776.00
1979	Scott Farley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	267.18	0.83	0.00	268.01	806.76
1979	Edwin B Dallin	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	331.14	0.91	0.00	332.05	870.80
1983	Madeline &Leon Balla	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	31.20	0.58	0.00	31.78	570.53
1984	Corey-Ruiter Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-34.46	1.07	0.00	-33.39	1,044.11

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1985	Eva & Jos. Dempsey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	-66.00	0.50	0.00	-65.50	473.25
1987	Elsesser Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	-185.95	0.66	0.00	-185.29	622.84
1990	Streeter Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-464.27	0.66	0.00	-463.61	613.89
1991	George Wright	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	-273.68	0.25	0.00	-273.43	265.32
2000	Hammond Young	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-683.99	0.42	0.00	-683.57	393.93
2003	Ernest & Geneva Lanphear Lo	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-856.47	0.25	0.00	-856.22	221.28
1991	R Mitchell FBO Old Cem	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	5,162.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,162.48	26.16	5.32	0.00	31.48	5,193.96
1991	R Mitchell FBO Cem Fund	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	10,325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,325.00	1.90	10.63	0.00	12.53	10,337.53
2005	Cemetery Trust Acworth Acct	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	9,574.24	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	9,574.24	201.26	10.77	0.00	212.03	9,786.27
1992	R & C Jeffrey Mem Lib Fun	Library	Citizens CAP	73,068.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,068.80	21.24	75.18	0.00	96.42	73,165.22
2000	S. Codman Hislop FBO Silsby	Library	Citizens CAP	14,620.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,620.39	3.96	15.00	0.00	18.96	14,639.35
1916	Rebecca W. Madison	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	127.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	127.97	-0.08	0.16	0.00	0.08	128.05
1924	W. L. Woodbury	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	853.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	853.15	3.20	0.91	0.00	4.11	857.26
1924	Abram Mitchell	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	405.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	405.25	-0.19	0.42	0.00	0.23	405.48
1939	Walter Slader	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	139.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	139.97	-0.09	0.16	0.00	0.07	140.04
1989	Madeline Lindsay	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	209.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	209.02	-0.12	0.25	0.00	0.13	209.15
1989	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	89.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.58	-0.07	0.08	0.00	0.01	89.59
1989	Friends of Library	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	-0.07	0.08	0.00	0.01	85.33
1989	Anonymous Donation	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	42.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.66	-0.01	0.08	0.00	0.07	42.73
1989	Silsby Library Donation	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	-0.07	0.08	0.00	0.01	85.33
1989	G.F. & M.G. Hanson	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	170.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.63	-0.08	0.17	0.00	0.09	170.72
1990	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	-0.07	0.08	0.00	0.01	85.33
1990	Helen Smith	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	142.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.48	-0.27	0.16	0.00	-0.11	142.37
1990	Mary Smith	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	119.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.44	-0.09	0.13	0.00	0.04	119.48
1990	Ellen Sawyer Sheldon	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	17.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.06	-0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	17.06
1991	Maude H. Moody	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	443.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	443.64	-0.22	0.46	0.00	0.24	443.88
1999	Nancy Sandoe Mem	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	840.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	840.35	-0.26	0.88	0.00	0.62	840.97
2000	Nancy Sandoe	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	213.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	213.29	-0.13	0.25	0.00	0.12	213.41
2000	Ella & Leon Newton	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	853.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	853.15	-0.25	0.91	0.00	0.66	853.81
2001	Nancy Poltrack	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	-0.07	0.08	0.00	0.01	85.33
2003	J. David Lyle	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	42.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.66	-0.01	0.08	0.00	0.07	42.73
1991	R Mitchell FBO T/O Acworth	Town	Citizens CAP	5,162.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,162.48	119.90	5.40	0.00	125.30	5,287.78
1990	F Richard & C Jeffrey-VNA	Town	Citizens CAP	55,840.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	55,840.41	3,711.42	61.27	0.00	3,772.69	59,613.10
				439,823.41	100,435.25	0.00	81,539.21	458,719.45	46,665.33	478.10	0.00	47,143.43	505,862.88

2015 Library Trustees Report

Following the resignation of Joanne Smith from The Library Board of Trustees, the Board unanimously nominated Betsy Snider to replace Joanne for the remainder of her term. We welcome Betsy to the Board. The Board expresses their gratitude to Joanne for her many years of service to the Library Board of Trustees.

A large, enthusiastic crowd attended the Library's celebration of Poetry Month in April. Ken Grant and Fritz Weatherbee entertained a packed house with readings of their favorite poems as well as readings from their own personal writing.

Our annual Book Sale was held in July and coordinated well with the Acworth Charitable Trust's Garden Tour. We raised a total of $896.70 and look forward to another successful event in July 2016. Book donations are always appreciated for this sale. We will begin collecting donations in June of 2016 for the July 2016 Book Sale.

The Children's Summer Reading Program returned this year with 20 students enrolled. We hosted author/illustrators Jason Chin and Donald Saaf on separate occasions to share their work and explain their approach to writing and illustrating children's' books. All participants in the summer program were given the gift of a book to thank them for their participation and for their love of reading. We hope to increase the number of participants in the summer of 2016.

Old Acworth, a softbound book featuring Acworth photographs from 19th and 20th centuries from the Library's historical photograph collection, was made available to the public in November. Sales are by donation of $15.00 or more. The production of this book was made possible by an ACCT grant and the Jeffrey Brother's Fund, as well as generous donations in kind from The Village Printers in Bellows Falls, VT, and The New Hampshire Bindery in Bow, NH. Copies are still available at the Acworth Library.

Please visit the library and enjoy the many books we have to offer in addition to periodicals and DVDs.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Russell
Melinda Loiselle
Kathi Bradt
Betsy Snider
Jennifer Aiken

2015 Librarians' Report

Acworth Silsby Library had 3,713 visits from patrons and visitors in 2015 and welcomed 21 new patrons. We circulated 4,365 books during the year and continue to add fiction, non-fiction, children's books and DVDs to our collection monthly.

We had 423 patron visits for computer use in 2015. We have a high speed DSL internet connection and computers for public use as well as a wireless connection. We provide access to Ancestry.com via the State Library. Patrons use our computers for a variety of activities such as checking e-mail, looking for jobs, preparing school work, researching hobbies and interests.

We are delighted to have the Acworth School students and teachers visit the library on a regular basis.

We had a summer reading program in which 20 young readers participated. Each received a new book. We hosted two programs put on by children's' authors Donald Saaf and Jason Chin during the summer months.

We have two Reading Groups meeting monthly, one is reading classics and the second is reading general fiction. New members are always welcome.

Our annual Book Sale was held in July, raising additional funds for the Library. We thank all who participated either by donating or purchasing books. We have have an on-going book sale set up in the small meeting room of the Town Hall. Please check it out. In 2016, book donations will be accepted at the Library after June 1st.

We are an active member of the Nubanusit cooperative, which provides a collection of movies that rotate bi-monthly among 22 local libraries. Patrons borrowed 115 Nubanusit items during 2015. This year the Nubansit coop added a large bin of Legos to its circulating collection and Acworth hosted several Legos events during December.

Inter-library loans (ILL) continue to be a popular way for patrons to read books not owned by our library. We have access to books at all NH libraries and many of the NH college libraries. A total of 762 books circulated via the ILL system.

We thank our patrons, volunteers and all who assisted us throughout the year. Susan Metsack and Linda Thomson-Mohr, Librarians; Phone 835-2150; E-mail acworthlibrary@myfairpoint.net Website www.acworthlibrary.org Library hours: Sat and Sun 11:30am-4:30pm; Tue and Thurs 11:30am to 5:30pm

Susan Metsack
Acworth Silsby Library

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

ACCOUNT BALANCES	12/31/2014	12/31/2015
CHECKING	$375.45	$4,544.58
SAVINGS	$13,903.31	$5,226.61
CD'S	$13,575.53	$13,598.33
	$27,854.29	$23,369.52

		2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	
INCOME				
TOWN APPROPRIATION (SALARIES / TAXES / OTHER)		$38,515	$38,515.00	
OTHER INCOME				
CD & SAVINGS INTEREST		$20	$25.97	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	UNRESTRICTED INCOME	$700	$753.98	
RESTRICTED INCOME :	TRUST FUNDS & GIFTS, GRANTS	$2,500	$272.00	
DESIGNATED INCOME :	BK SLS, FINES, CIVIC EXP.,EQUIP	$1,500	$2,313.94	
USE OF RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS	(Jeffrey Fund Int. for books)	$500	$0.00	
		$43,735	$41,880.89	
EXPENSES (Library & Town Funds)				Variance to Budget
SALARIES & PAYROLL TAXES	(includes snow removal)	$23,600	$25,173.29	$1,573
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	See note below	$5,710	$6,386.61 *	$677
OTHER MAT'L (AUDIO/VHS/DVD)		$500	$418.37	($82)
HEAT SYSTEM / HEATING FUEL		$3,000	$2,499.70	($500)
ELECTRICITY		$1,300	$1,229.90	($70)
COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE & DSL)		$975	$1,049.33	$74
SUPPLIES & EQUIP.		$800	$856.08	$56
POSTAL / BANK FEES / SVC CHG		$150	$241.90	$92
LAWN CARE		$1,400	$1,285.00	($115)
DUES / FEES / TUITION		$200	$165.00	($35)
PROGRAMS / EVENTS		$1,000	$1,191.53	$192
COMPUTER / COPIER		$1,000	$1,502.71	$503
MISC. EXPENSE		$500	$265.99	($234)
BUILDING REPAIR (see resolution)	See note below	$2,000	$2,128.25 *	$128
CIVIC EXPANSION		$200	$0.00	($200)
GRANTS / DESIGNATED GIFTS		$1,900	$1,972.00 *	$72
		$44,235	$46,365.66	$2,131

2015 EXPENSES USING RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (included above)	
* BOOKS & PERIODICALS (Jeffery Trust Fund Interest)	$0
* BUILDING REPAIR / RENOVATION	$2,128
* ACCT Grant	$1,900
	$4,028

2016 DESIGNATED / RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS				
Richard & Clarence Jeffery Memorial Library Fund		n/c	$11,330	(restricted gift)
Codman & Gertrude Hislop Book Fund		n/c	$3,876	(restricted gift)
Designated income account from income-producing equipment			$657	(designated income)
Civic Expansion / Community Outreach			$1,016	(designated income)
Building repair / renovation Savings	New furnace, Roof Slate Repair, etc.		$1,847	(designated income)

2015 Acworth Cemeteries Report

During 2015 the cemetery trustees and sexton undertook two special projects in addition to the usual tasks of cemetery maintenance and management. First, we contracted with Independent Archaeological Consultants of Portsmouth, NH to map the Batchelder-Nye cemetery. State law requires that all municipal cemeteries be mapped, and we are finally in compliance, thanks to a $2,500 grant from the Acworth Community Charitable Trust. Additional funds were re-allocated from our budget lines for monument repair and tree work. We now have electronic and hard copies of a spreadsheet and a map showing approximately 500 burials in the Batchelder-Nye cemetery, including the burial locations and monument inscriptions. Copies can be consulted in the town office or library.

Our second project has been finding a permanent shelter for our antique horse-drawn hearse, presently stored in a privately-owned barn at a cost of $480 a year. The Friends of the Acworth Meetinghouse have received a $34,000 grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to restore the church-owned horse sheds near the town pound. Our hope is to restore these sheds in a historically appropriate manner so that one bay can be used to shelter the hearse. To that end, we propose that the town appropriate $5,000 for a 10-year lease of one bay of the sheds, to be paid when one bay has been restored suitable for hearse storage. A vote for this warrant article will ensure long-term storage at a very reasonable price. Furthermore, it would be wonderful to complete restoration of the horse sheds in time for the celebration of Acworth's 250th anniversary in August, 2017.

Again this year the Acworth cemeteries were spared severe windstorms and tree or monument damage. We removed several trees including a large cherry that was a serious threat to monuments in the northeast corner of the Hill Road cemetery; we left two healthy maple trees in place. We also completed a boundary survey of the New Hill Road Cemetery in preparation for demarcation of further lots there. Although our mowing costs increased when we hired a new mowing service in 2014, we have received many compliments on the improved appearance of our cemetery.

We were fortunate that Lillie LeBlanc stepped forward this year to serve as cemetery trustee, replacing Kenneth Reed. Much of the work involved in lot purchases, record-keeping, and management of services such as tree-cutting, mowing and monument repair is done on a volunteer basis by our sexton, Kristian Fenderson. We very much appreciate his generosity in donating time to these responsibilities.

Cemetery trustees meet at 4 PM in the town hall on the fourth Thursday of the months from April through November. Members of the public are welcome to attend any of these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen H. Frink, Claudia Istel, and Lillie LeBlanc, Acworth Cemetery Trustees
Kristian Fenderson, Sexton

2015 Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. Report

The Company Responded to 85 calls as follows:

Structure Fires	0
Brush/Grass Fires	0
Chimney Fires	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Roll over	3
Medical Calls	50
Mutual Aid to other towns	11
Horse Rescue	1
Tree on wire	3
Smoke investigations	8
False alarms	5
Total	85

A matching grant for forestry gear and equipment of $1,866.03 was received.

A gracious donation of portable spreader and cutter (Jaws of Life) equipment was received from Haddam Volunteer Fire Company (CT). Chief Sam Baber provided safety training and a hands on demonstration.

The Fire House received interior and exterior improvements.

We have more first responder and EMT trained members and we always welcome new volunteers. Meetings are the second Thursday evening of every month.

Sincerely, Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc.

Chief Steve Morris

2015 Planning Board Report

In 2015 the Planning Board held discussions and public hearings when required for two mergers, two annexations and one subdivision. A spring Joint Boards Meeting was held for planning discussion and a fall meeting with the Selectmen and Budget Committee was held for discussion of the Town's 2015-16 Capital Improvement Plan. In addition, from March throughout the rest of the year time was spent at each Planning Board meeting in development of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance concerning the use of storage containers by property owners.

Mergers of adjacent lots of record are favored by the State and only require completion of a simple form and a vote at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. Annexations and subdivisions are subject to the Town's Subdivision Regulations and require public hearings, abutter notifications and filing of a surveyor's mylar. The annexation and subdivision processes can involve successive meetings. Each of these three types of lot change are recorded in the county registry once they have final approval from the Planning Board.

The Capital Improvement Plan meeting held in October set a valuable precedent for inter-board dialog prior to the drafting of the Town budget. At a time when the Town is faced with substantial expenses to rehabilitate and maintain its roads pooling the input from as many Town boards' members is needed. The meeting produced valuable ideas. Unfortunately within a week of the meeting Forest Road Bridge was ordered closed by the State Department of Transportation. The Planning Board agreed to delay completing the updating of the 2015-16 Capital Improvement Plan while Selectmen researched costs of options for reopening the bridge. Since 2012 the Capital Improvement Plan has included a note that a bridge closure would take precedent over previously scheduled capital projects.

The Board's work on a zoning amendment to address the use of storage containers came in response to repeated requests during public meetings beginning in 2009. The issue is large and complicated due to the variety of containers available. The Board's discussions ranged from how to define a storage container to how to permit storage containers to how to protect neighbors from the effect storage containers can have on property values. Town Counsel was engaged to review the draft language from a legally defensible point of view. After eight months of work a public hearing was held for input from Townspeople and the draft was adjusted in response. The final version of the amendment will be voted on at Town Meeting and information can be had from the Town office.

During the year the Planning Board also sent representatives to the State Office of Energy and Planning's annual planning conference and to the State Department of Resource and Economic Development's annual inspection of the Allstone Quarry.

The Planning Board meets monthly and all are welcome. Alternate member positions are available.
Acworth Planning Board

2015 Acworth Conservation Commission

The Acworth Conservation Commission oversees and protects our natural environment. At each meeting we review intents to cut (logging permits) and septic permits, dredge and fill applications, and communications from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. With the town of Unity, we share costs of water testing and of monitoring to prevent the spread of milfoil in Crescent Lake.

The recent approach of the emerald ash borer threatens our native ash trees, and we have authorized a winter timber harvest in the town-owned Gove Forest to remove ash trees while their timber can still be marketed.

There are eight properties whose conservation easements we are responsible for monitoring; two of them are town owned. At present we are working to develop a schedule for monitoring these easements and reporting our findings on a regular basis to the easement holders: the Land Conservation Investment Program housed in the state Office of Energy and Planning, and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

At the March, 2015 town meeting, townspeople voted to accept the gift of a 5.48-acre parcel of land abutting the East Acworth Wetlands. This piece will be added to the existing conservation easement on the Wetlands, held by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. When the process of surveying and documenting this gift is complete, the protected Wetlands will total 76.5 acres. While this marsh land provides important wildlife habitat, we have ongoing problems with litter from target shooting in the old gravel pit. The upper section of the Keyes Hollow Road has been flooded by beaver, and we remind drivers that state law prohibits driving vehicles through standing water.

Each spring we organize Green Up Day for the last Saturday in April. With the help of schoolchildren, 4-H'ers, and many townspeople, we collect bottles, cans, papers, cups, plastic bags, and piles of other refuse from our roadsides and culverts. We appreciate the help of the walkers and neighbors who regularly clean up litter along their routes.

From time to time we lend our support to other conservation causes. We signed a petition from the Mason, NH Conservation Commission opposing a natural gas pipeline being routed through several southern New Hampshire towns. We also help fund tuition for Acworth children attending summer nature camps at the Orchard School in Alstead.

March of 2016 marks the retirement of Debby Hinman, the longest-serving member of the Conservation Commission, and our Chair for the past several years. Her knowledge of conservation and her dedication to protecting the Cold River watershed have made her irreplaceable. Our deepest thanks for her many years of service.

The Conservation Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the town hall. Everyone is welcome to join us, and please let us know if you are interested in becoming an alternate member.

Debby Hinman, Chair; Shawn Bowman, Vice-Chair; David Goodwin, Board of Selectmen;
Members: Helen Frink, Lillie LeBlanc; Alternates: Carole Wallace, Beverly Buxton

2015 Crescent Lake Association Milfoil Committee Report

Crescent Lake Association (CLA) continued our decade-plus successful water quality program in 2015 to prevent invasive threats from our lake. The program began in April 2015 with training conducted by NH DES and concluded the weekend after Labor Day.

The summer 2015 season, supported by 4 paid Lake Hosts and an equal number of volunteer Lake Hosts conducted 963 courtesy boat inspections. A handful of boats presented to Crescent Lake with weeds that proved non-invasive. Invasive animal life (such as snails) have become a concern and Crescent Lake Association is taking more rigorous training from NH DES for boat inspections of invasive plants and animals.

We will begin recruitment of paid Lake Hosts in late February.
Thank you.

Kevin Brenker
President, Crescent Lake Association
AIS Program Point Person (NH Lakes Association)
Box 131 Acworth NH

2015 Sestercentennial Committee Report

The first meeting of the Sestercentennial Committee was held on April 26, 2015 with Gordon Gowen and Carole Wallace volunteering to serve as co-chairmen. A celebration of this magnitude takes a great deal of advance planning and the committee is working diligently to firm up events for the year-long festivities. We welcome participation and ideas from everyone in the community—individuals, organizations, and businesses. This is your celebration!

The Sestercentennial Parade and main events will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017. This will include a parade, followed by a gathering on the common featuring vendor and organization booths, food, children's activities, and much, much more. The 250th Celebration will begin in January of 2017 with at least one major event each month. The year will start out with the New Year's Luncheon in January, with other possibilities consisting of a Valentine's Tea, Town Meeting Supper, a yard sale on the common in May, a Fourth of July Celebration, Dances, open houses, and other dinners and speaker events. The United Church of Acworth has booked the Yankee Male Chorus to perform on August 10, 2017 at the Meetinghouse. Some of our town's organizations have already stepped forward with offers to sponsor one or more events. The Committee will be publishing a calendar listing all of the act ivies for 2017 at the end of 2016. Please let us know how you or your organization would like to participate so you can be included in the calendar.

A web-page for Acworth's Sestercentennial Celebration is in the works to keep everyone informed. In the meantime, all are welcome at the Committee meetings. Please attend. Thank you all for your support.

Respectfully,
Carole Wallace & Gordon Gowen
Co-Chairs—Sestercentennial Committee

2015 Merger Notice

If you owned real estate lots that were involuntarily merged, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if:
Two or more lots were merged without your consent for zoning, assessing or taxation purposes;
No previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status you must:
Make a request to the Board of Selectmen no later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:
Your properties will again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to existing land use ordinances.

Per RSA 674:39-aa, this Notice must be posted in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016 and be published in the Town's Annual Report from 2011 through 2015.

2015 Vital Statistics

Acworth Resident Death Report January 1-December 31, 2015

Decedent's Name	Age	Place of Death	Date of Death
Dion, Arthur	79	Claremont	02/13/15
Bishop, Mary	81	Claremont	02/23/15
Campbell, Marylin	91	Unity	03/10/15
Keegan, Robert	56	So. Acworth	04/10/15
Narkiewicz, June	80	Winchester, VT	12/10/15
Belliveau, Peter	62	Lebanon	12/21/15

Acworth Resident Marriage Report January 1-December 31, 2015

Groom's Name	Bride's Name	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Hammond, Michael D	Roberts, Lucy F	Newport	01/10/15
Torres, Candido A	Rhoades, Jessica B	Berlin	01/15/15
Loiselle, Kelsey L	Wood, William A	Acworth	02/07/15
Leonard, Raymond P	Ferland, Debra L	Acworth	02/28/15
Mailhot, Caroline P	Blaine, Daniel J	Acworth	08/01/15
Duffy, Elizabeth A	Miller, Brian D	Acworth	08/12/15
Porter, Mark A	Farnsworth, Sherry L	So. Acworth	08/29/15

Acworth Resident Birth Report January 1-December 31, 2015

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's/Mother's Name
Harrington, Alexis Star-Lee	05/14/15	Lebanon	Harrington, Ryan McNamara, Sherry
Gowen, Bryce Timothy	09/27/15	Keene	Gowen, Blake Gowen, Kristen
Larson, Carter Michael	10/08/15	Keene	Larson, Shawn Larson, Amy
Kowalczyk, Stanley George	11/02/15	Lebanon	Kowalczyk, Jr., Stanley Kowalczyk, Rebecca

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